GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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REVISED GUIEDLINES FOR ISSUE OF PAN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether income tax department has issued revised guidelines for allotment of Permanent Account Number (PAN) to Indians living abroad, foreign citizen or a company,trust or firm not having an office in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such PAN issued during the last three years;

(d) whether this has positively affected tax collection; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The requirement of having a representative assessee in India by a non-resident for allotment of PAN has been dispensed with. Further, the procedure for allotment of PAN to non-residents has been streamlined.

(c): The number of PANs allotted to persons who are not citizens of India during the last three financial years is as under:

2004-05 22,235
2005-06 48,901
2006-07 37,065

It is not possible to estimate the increase in allotment of PAN to non-residents that can be attributed to the issue of revised guidelines.

(d) & (e):Separate details of tax collections from non-residents are not being maintained.